

answer to your question.

SENATOR HALL: Maybe on that.

SENATOR WILL: I...I agree with you that there is a great deal of value in having a director who does function independently and is outside the state personnel system...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...that doesn't have a merit position. I wouldn't have any problem with the Governor appointing that individual rather than the tax commissioner. I guess maybe the rationale that was used by the Department of Revenue here is that since the lottery is existing as a division of the Department of Revenue rather than as an independent lottery division of the state, that the tax commissioner wanted some oversight perhaps including deciding who the director was. But I certainly agree that an argument can be made that the Governor is the more appropriate individual to appoint that director.

SENATOR HALL: I would just like to take a look at that between now and Select File and maybe bring an amendment. Maybe there is good rationale for leaving it the way it currently is drafted but if...I can see some problems that if you have a director whose, I guess, salary is over and above the tax commissioner, which very likely could be the case here, I mean, I understand that there is going to be commingling, if you will, of job responsibilities and employees that are currently under the...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming Division, I just want to take a look at that between now and Select and I appreciate your comments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Moore, you're next.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, to begin with, I think I'd like to ask Senator Hall a question just to make sure I've got something correct.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, would you respond?